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April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Donald & Bernice Watson Greenbelt Trail Improvement Project** in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Duarte**, located at **1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA, 91010**.

The funding would be used for the Donald & Bernice Watson Greenbelt Trail Improvement Project to make capital improvements to the historic and unique green space and recreational facility, named in memory of the first African American mayor of Duarte. With more than 1,000 users a day during peak periods, the recreational trail serves as the primary social gathering place for Duarte residents to walk, skate, jog, push strollers, walk their pets, or ride a bike. Critical mobility improvements contained within the project will include the reconstruction of the existing 1.6-mile multi-use pathway facility with new permeable asphalt paving and an updated stormwater diversion system, safety updates including additional lighting to increase cyclist and pedestrian visibility, accessibility alterations (including the installation of ADA-accessible ramps and crosswalks), and the installation of public health and community placemaking amenities including additional trail seating, outdoor exercise stations, urban greening initiatives, and community artwork.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress